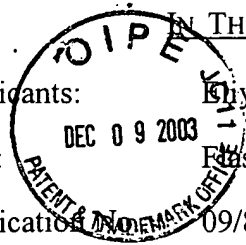


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The cited 1997 Initial Determination of the United States International Trade Commission, *In the Matter of Certain Flash Memory Circuits and Products Containing Same*, ITC investigation no. 337-TA-382, includes determinations by Administrative Law Judge Sidney Harris that claim 27 of patent no. 5,172,338 (the '338 patent) is valid and infringed. Portions of the lengthy Determination that pertain to the '338 patent are identified in its Table of Contents. For example, its validity is discussed at pages 93-102. This ITC action was initiated by SanDisk Corporation, assignee of the '338 patent and of the present application. The submitted Initial Determination was made after a full trial.

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The two laboratory reports being submitted herewith, one by Taeus and the other by Chipworks, report separate analyses of a product whose sale was asserted in the ITC action as prior art that anticipated claim 27 of the '338 patent. This product and the reports resulting from reverse engineering of the product are discussed by Judge Harris in his Initial Determination. The product was a SGS Thomson M293B1 electronic program memory.

Reexamination Certificate no. B1 5,172,338 submitted herewith, dated July 8, 1997, confirmed the patentability of claim 27 and others of the '338 patent.

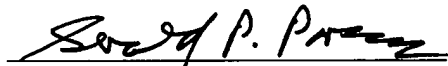
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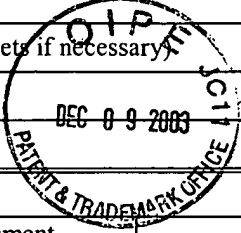


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